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Attachments:

I-016-001 | Gentlemen: I am in favor of either reinforcing our present viaduct, or replacing it with another viaduct. I will try to attend the meeting at Madison Middle School on July 15. Thank you for your update.
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WSDOT has found that the retrofit alternative is not a fiscally responsible alternative and would not bring the structure up to current safety standards. A recent independent consultant evaluation^{1, 2} also found that the retrofit is not technically or fiscally prudent. The executive summary from the Independent Consultant Retrofit Report can be found on the WSDOT website under the Stakeholder Advisory Committee - July 24, 2008 section: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/library-meetingmaterials.htm>.

According to WSDOT estimates, the retrofit scheme proposed by the Viaduct Preservation Group would cost approximately 80 percent of the cost of replacing the viaduct. A retrofitted structure would still have inadequate lane widths, no emergency shoulders, and substandard acceleration and deceleration lanes, along with a level of seismic safety risk that is well beyond current standards. Construction of any of the retrofit schemes proposed to date would result in significant and long-term disruptions to traffic both on and around the viaduct.

The State of Washington, King County, and the City of Seattle are working together to find a solution for the central waterfront section of the viaduct. However, the Environmental Assessment for the S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Viaduct Replacement Project does not address the options being evaluated for the central waterfront. Comments on the central waterfront project have been shared with the central waterfront team, and any future comments can be submitted to viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov.

¹ KPFF Consulting Engineers. 2008a. Executive Summary - Evaluation of Seismic Retrofit Options for the Alaskan Way Viaduct presented to the Stakeholders Advisory Committee Briefing on July 17, 2008, by Andrew W. Taylor, Ph.D., SE, FACI.

² KPFF Consulting Engineers. 2008b. Evaluation of Seismic Retrofit Options for the Alaskan Way Viaduct Final Report. September 25, 2008.